

Amendments to the Specification:

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 7, and continuing to page 11, line 1, as follows:

Fig. 8 also show optional provision of a thumb strap 75 and 75a carried by the holder, to wrap about the base area of the user's thumb 90 projecting from the holder. The strap portions 75 and 75a carry hook or pile material to enable thumb strap attachment to pile or hook material on the holder at 11b, after being wound about the thumb. Fig. [[2]] 8 shows that pocket 17a for metallic stiffener 22 is open or openable 17b near the bottom of the holder, to enable removal of that stiffener, if desired. A short cover flap 80 attached at one end 80a to the holder, can be folded upwardly over pocket opening 17b, to close it, and VELCRO attached to holder, at 81, for retaining the stiffener in upwardly inserted position. Stiffener [[2]] 22a is lengthwise bowed at 22b, as seen in Fig. 9, to fit the curvature of the user's palm, adapting to the wrist and palm configuration. Selective endwise removal of the stiffeners from their pockets is enabled, for best fit to a wrist.

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Kindly amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 9 and 11, as follows:

In Figs. 4 and 5 straps 40-42 are carried by holder 100 ~~material-90~~; and a stiffener ~~91~~ 19 is received in a pocket ~~92~~ 14a.